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SUBJ USE OF TELSAT FOR THULE AFB COMMUNICATIONS LINK

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED MAY 15 RECEIVED FROM
D.W. FULFORD, DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY
DIVISION, EXTAFF:
BEGIN QUOTE.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CANADA WILL RECEIVE, WITHIN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS, AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM RCO GLOBCOM FOR CANADA TO
CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENCE BETWEEN THULE AND THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
USING A TRANSPONDER ON BOARD ONE OF THE TELESAT CANADA ANIK
SATELLITES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REQUEST WILL INCLUDE
CIRCUITS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE CURRENTLY PROVIDED UNDER THE
PRESENT TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION WHICH EXPIRES ON MAY 16.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CANADA WILL HAVE TO RESPOND
ON AN URGENT BASIS TO THE REQUEST FOR THE PROVISION
OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SERVICES. AS STATED
PREVIOUSLY IN OUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 26, 1974, CANADA
WOULD REQUIRE AN UNDERTAKING FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES THAT THE LINK WOULD BE "SOLELY FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY PURPOSES", IN WHICH CASE, IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV(G), THE INTELSAT AGREEMENT

WOULD NOT APPLY. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF WE COULD
OBTAIN SUCH ASSURANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL BE IN A POSITION TO
AUTHORIZE A RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST IMMEDIATELY IF
AND WHEN IT IS RECEIVED. END QUOTE.

2. MACARTHUR OF FULFORD'S STAFF HAS IMPRESSED UPON
TCO IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT REPLY.
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